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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6974

BILL NUMBER: HB 1224

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2015

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Speed Limits on U.S. 31

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Harman

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill sets a maximum speed limit of: (1) 70 miles per hour on U.S. 31 from: (A) the intersection of U.S. 31 and U.S. 35 in Howard County to the intersection of U.S. 31 and State Road 26 in Howard County; and (B) mile marker 229 in Marshall County to mile marker 244 in St. Joseph County; and (2) 65 miles per hour on U.S. 31 from the intersection of U.S. 31 and Interstate 465 in Hamilton County to the boundary line between Indiana and Michigan, except 30 miles per hour in an urban district.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures: There are a reported 117 speed limit signs on the stretches of U.S. 31 affected by the bill. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) reports the costs of changing the speed limit signs to be \$160 per sign. The one-time costs to change the speed limit signs as required by the bill are estimated to be \$18,720. Funds to finance these costs would come from INDOT operational funds.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Summary:* By increasing the speed limit on the specified sections of U.S. 31, this bill could reduce the number of speeding citations issued in the state. As a result, General Fund revenue from Class C infraction judgments could decrease, but any revenue reduction is likely to be small.

Additional Information: The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500, which would be deposited in the state General Fund. For FY 2014, approximately 108,000 citations were issued for speeding in the state. The number of speeding citations issued on the specific section of U.S. 31 referenced in the bill is unknown.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: If there is a reduction in court actions, local governments could receive less revenue from court fees. However, any revenue reduction is likely to be small.

State Agencies Affected: INDOT.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Bob Alderman, INDOT; BMV citation data for CY 2014.

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